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E.0. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: DISCUSSION WITH FINANCE MINISTER VILLAR MIR AT FOREIGN MINISTER'S DINNER

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AREILZA THIS MORNING ON ANOTHER MATTER (SEPTEL), HE ASKED WHETHER THE SECRETARY WOULD BE WILLING, FOLLOWING DINNER TOMORROW EVENING, TO HAVE A BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH THE NEW MINISTER OF FINANCE, JUAN MIGUEL VILLAR MIR. VILLAR MIR WOULD APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVEIW BRIEFLY WITH THE SECRETARY SOME OF SPAIN'S FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WITH A VIEW TO A POSSIBLE SUSEQUENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY VILLAR MIR FOR FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS. AREILZA INDICATED THAT VILLAR MIR WOULD BE ASKING FOR NO SPECIFIC HELP, BUT RATHER THE GENERAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE US IN RELATION TO A MORE COOPERATIVE EFFORT DURING THIS TRANSITIONAL STAGE. AREILZA MENTIONED THAT ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT VILLAR MIR WAS CONSIDERING AT THIS TIME WAS A MULTILATERAL EFFORT FOR THE REFINANCING OF SPAIN'S EXTERNAL DEBT. (ON THIS LAST POINT, WE ARE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED
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SINCE WE HAVE NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD SUGGEST THE NEED FOR

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SUCH REFINANCING.)

2. WE WILL PREPARE BRIEFING MATERIAL FOR THE SECRETARY'S
USE IN CONNECTION WITH WHATEVER CONVERSATION HE MAY HAVE WITH THE
SPANISH FINANCE MINISTER AT TOMORROW'S DINNER.
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